

The excitement continues!

Plan to participate in NCJW's 2001 Stay-at-Home Fundraiser
Watch your mail for an invitation!

This January, you will receive an invitation from our Section's Board of Directors requesting the honor of your absence at the most important social event of the year that you will never attend.

You will be cordially invited to enjoy a quiet evening at home and not have to listen to entertainment that won't be entertaining, nor speeches that won't be given. There will be no valet parking, no open bar, no music and no food whatsoever. No black ties or black dresses.

Please take a close look at this issue of the *Bulletin* to learn firsthand about some of NCJW's current efforts in advocacy and in halting domestic violence. Other important programs our Section sponsors include: Silent Witness, Yad B'Yad, Hello Israel, and Scholarships.

Look for this coveted invitation in your mailbox.

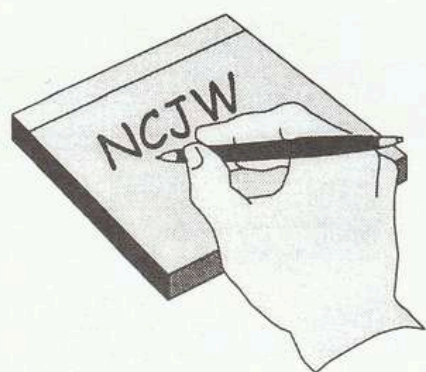
Please participate by giving generously to NCJW to support our many worthwhile projects, programs and advocacy efforts!



NCJW's Top 10 Reasons to Participate in the Stay-at-Home Fundraiser!

10. No need to take that favorite party dress to the dry cleaners! (Save your money to donate to NCJW!)
9. No need to go to the hairdresser! (Money saved can go to NCJW!)
8. You won't break your diet by eating food you didn't want!
7. No uncomfortable shoes and sore feet the next day!
6. You will have the joy of staying home and spending time with your family! (Money saved on entertainment can go to NCJW!)
5. No need to partake in small talk. We have already elected a President!
4. You won't get stuck at a table where you didn't want to sit!
3. You will help carry our legacy forward for another 106 years.
2. Because you believe in the Jewish tradition of Tikun Olam.
1. Most importantly, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you have helped NCJW and made a difference in someone's life!

Co-President's Message



Cathy Boyer-Shesol
Naomi Kauffman

treat we attended last fall, we learned that change can be hard to accept and manage through the humorous book "Who Moved My Cheese?" It's a must read for all of us as we continue this path of reflective analysis.

It is difficult to believe that the year 2000 is almost at an end. So much has happened in Israel, in our country, in our National organization, and in our Section. We continue to pray for peace in Israel. And, as we write this message, our country still does not know with certainty who will take the oath of office next January. Indeed, our country has experienced a tumultuous ride in uncharted election waters!

During the past year our National organization has been in the forefront of important issues such as child care, domestic violence, and gun legislation. Our Washington Office has worked diligently to keep us abreast of critical legislative matters needing our collective voices. This exhaustive work led to several successes in the legislature. And most recently, National announced the establishment of a women's studies program at Tel Aviv University.

Our Section has experienced a time of transition. We are enthusiastic and impressed with our leadership, both veteran and new, as we work together to determine our Section's identity in the new millennium. We've learned from research and our own observation and experience that today's volunteer has different needs than those of our mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers. We know our leadership structure must change to reflect today's reality. At the President's Re-

Our next step in determining our Section's focus is to reach out to you, our members, and ask what is important to you. On Sunday, January 14, our board will begin calling our members to invite you to attend one of three planned social gatherings to meet and greet old and new friends, as well as to visit about our Section's future plans. Also during this phone call, we will ask you to spend not more than five minutes answering a brief survey that will give us essential information to help us in determining our role. We look forward to visiting with you, and hope you will welcome our call.

Lastly, like all nonprofit organizations, we depend on the financial support of our members. ***Your financial support of our Section is as essential as your volunteer time and expertise.*** This seems an appropriate time to express our appreciation for the support received from members who attended the fun "Art" event. Three additional fund-raisers are being planned - two of which are "FUND-raisers."

NCJW's Day at the Spa, an event designed to pamper yourself, a friend, relative or spouse on February 12, while raising money for our Section. A movie benefit is in the works for late spring.

Invitations to our annual Stay-at-Home fundraiser will be mailed in early 2001. ***Please give generously. It's important.*** Consider underwriting a program or a mailing.

And lastly, don't forget your financial support through tributes. What a

wonderful way to honor someone, celebrate an occasion, or remember a loved one or friend through our tribute program. All these efforts help us meet our annual operating budget.

We wish to recognize Merna Siegler and her committee - Berenice Haberman, Symie Menitove, Jackie Mixon and Rachel Rubin for their awesome efforts in providing us with a delightful evening at the play "ART."

A huge thank you to Ellen Dalen and Eileen Sherman for their work in producing the 10 performances of "The Odd Potato." An ongoing nod of thanks to Hello Israel leadership and presenters. Thank you to the faithful Scholarship committee members who year after year work hard to provide much needed financial assistance to college bound students. Kudos to Symie Menitove for her tremendous work on publicizing our Section's happenings. Each of you is treasured.

Cathy and Naomi

National Council
of Jewish Women

NCJW

GREATER KANSAS CITY SECTION

NEW MEMBERS

Susan Dimbert ~ Diane Wubbenhorst

*Designates Life Member

LIFE MEMBERS

*Marjorie Adler (*In honor of Barbara Holzmark receiving Hannah G. Solomon Award*) ~ *Janet Provines Agron ~
*Beverly Bodker ~ *Susan Choucroun ~
*Sheryl Davidow ~ *Kelly Lieberman ~
*Barbara Mnookin ~ Amy Shapiro

TRANSFER MEMBER

*Louise Ackerman - From Dallas

Contributions: Thanks for your continued support!

Contributions to NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

To commemorate all occasions, remember NCJW's philanthropies. \$5 minimum. Contributions through November 28, 2000.

SECTION FUNDS - NCJW SECTION

In memory of:

IDA SCHARFF

DeeDee & Pete Dale

STEVEN SCHOENFELD

Ellen & Michael Dalen

In honor of:

LORE AND MEL MALLIN -

Circle of Giving Recognition

NATALIE & HANAN HAM-

MER - *Deborah & Peter's*

engagement

MR. & MRS. PHIL HODES -

Birth of granddaughter

Stevie & John Shuchart

ELLEN & MICHAEL DALEN -

Marriage of your son

Paulette Giarratana & Arthur

Chaykin

ELLEN DALEN - *In appreciation*

for all you do

MARJORIE MONTAGUE -

Recovery

Merna & Sylvan Siegler

JOAN & STEVE ISRAELITE -

Birth of grandchild

Naomi Kauffman & Allen

Simon

DOTTIE BLOCK - *Special*

birthday

Chickie & Norm Dollinger

SHIRLEY & NED NELKIN -

Granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah

Chickie & Norm Dollinger

Fran & Dennis Small

NORM DOLLINGER'S *recovery*

Fran & Dennis Small

BARBARA HOLZMARK -

Receiving Hannah G. Solomon

Award

Ellen & Michael Dalen

Symie and Jay Menitove

ARNOLD COLE - 60th *Birthday*

Jessica & Gil Shapiro

SYMIE MENITOVE AND

VICKI ROITMAN - *Emerging*

Leader Award

Barbara & Jim Holzmark

MR. & MRS. HARRY GROSS -

Anniversary

Naomi Kauffman

ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION

In honor of:

BARBARA HOLZMARK - *Receiving*

Hannah G. Solomon Award

Merna & Sylvan Siegler

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

In memory of:

AMY PIERRON

Ellen & Michael Dalen

In honor of:

LOREEN JACOBSON - *Birthday*

Ellen Laner

Wishing good health to -

STAN GOLDBERG, AILEEN

FORMAN AND MIRIAM

WALLER

Barbara & Jerry Cosner

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ SILENT WITNESS PROJECT

In memory of:

CATHY BOYER-SHESOL'S

GRANDMOTHER

Ann & Dan Stern

PEGGY & ALEX LEVY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND

In honor of:

SHIRLEY & BARNETT

HELBURG - *Marriage of son*

Alex A. Levy

PARTIES FOR THE BLIND/ MINKA MAYER FUND

In honor of:

LYDIA & SEYMOUR ROTH'S

Anniversary

SEYMOUR ROTH'S *Birthday*

NORM DOLLINGER - *Speedy*

recovery

Heather Aronoff

JIM REEFER - *Birthday*

Natalie & Chet Litman

SAFE CHILD

In memory of:

EMANUEL REICHMAN

Florence & George Kirschbaum

MR. & MRS. RANDY MCQUEEN'S

MOTHER

MR. & MRS. SIDNEY DEMARS'S MOTHER

Susie Blackman

Joyce Bratman

Judy Cinnamon

Melba Katz

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

NCJW SECTION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Contribution from Estelle Robinson

SELMA & STANFORD BLOCK FUND

In memory of:

EMMA JANE GOLDEN

Dee Dee & Pete Dale

In honor of:

EUNICE RUBEN - *Recovery*

RUTH MILLER - *Recovery*

Dee Dee & Pete Dale

HAROLD B. BROWN FUND

In memory of:

JERRY LAPPIN

PEARL BECKER

Ruth Mayer

HATTYE & ARTHUR JOFFEE AND ROBERT & GEOFFREY GOODFRIEND FUND

In memory of:

HATTYE HOLZMARK JOFFEE

ARTHUR JOFFEE

Gloria Goodfriend

In honor of:

BARBARA HOLZMARK - *Receiving*

Hannah G. Solomon Award

Gloria Goodfriend

IRWIN & REGINA HOLZMARK FUND

In memory of:

JACK CHERESKIN

MARJORIE P. COWAN STINE

MAUREEN KUPPERMAN

SARAH M. SCHERE

IDA LEVY SCHARFF

JOHN CARL ABBEY

SAM YAGAN

Barbara & Jim Holzmark

In honor of:

BARBARA HOLZMARK - *Receiving*

Hannah G. Solomon Award

Harriet Epstein

Shirley & Eugene Novorr

Ruth Shechter

Barbara & Jerry Cosner

MILLIE KRASNE/ ANNA MAIZLISH FUND

In memory of:

NATHAN BROWN

BLANCHE KRASNE

BILL COHEN

Millie & Bud Krasne

In honor of:

HALE KRASNE'S *Birthday*

Barbara Krasne

JULES M. MAYER FUND

In memory of:

PAULINE STABILE

Fran & Jack Mayer

In honor of:

BILL EMERY'S *Birthday*

EDNA FINKEL'S *Birthday*

Fran & Jack Mayer

JOE ROSENBERG'S *Birthday*

LOUISE & JOE ROSENBERG'S

Anniversary

LINDA & DICK SHER - *Birthdays*

Judy & Larry Mayer

SPECIAL NAME SCHOLARSHIPS:

CHUCK LEVY SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of:

NORMAN HENKIN

LESLIE SOLOMON

Jill Jacob & Jane Weinberg

SARAH KAELETER

MAX WASSERMAN

JEANETTE "LEONA" FINK

Jill Jacob & Lou Kram

In honor of:

WALTER FINK'S 50th *Birthday*

Birth of JAMI JACOB

ANDREW JACOB 25th *Birthday*

Jill Jacob & Lou Kram

NATHAN LEVY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MAURICE JERWICK - *Recovery*

DICK GREENBERG - *Recovery*

Jean & Bud Brown

Understanding Psychological Abuse ~

By Susan Lebovitz, Jewish Community Outreach Program Coordinator, SAFEHOME

Half of my position with SAFEHOME involves speaking to Jewish groups who want to learn about domestic abuse in our community. Whenever I mention that the statistics for our community parallel that of the gentile community, people flinch.

After a recent presentation, I suddenly realized that even though I say the abuse can be psychological or physical, the only type of abuse people actually hear is physical. I want to address this because psychological abuse is much more difficult to identify. Since 5% of all victims are male, I refer to victims as female in this article.

If a person hits, shoves, pushes, bites, kicks, or slaps another person, that person **knows** something happened. The victim may not know **why**, but she feels the sting or exhibits a bruise. However, if an abuser locks the victim out of the house, constantly yells insults, calls the victim 50 times a day, or follows the victim from one place to another, there's no "proof" anything happened. Then, the victim starts to doubt everything she does, tries to an-

ticipate what will set off the abuser's errant behavior, and literally feels as if she constantly walks on egg shells, or feels as if she's riding an emotional roller coaster.

Psychological abuse happens over a period of time. Therefore the victim may not even realize what's happening. One analogy easy to understand is that of a frog. If you put a frog in boiling water it will jump out immediately. If a frog is in an aquarium with perfect temperature, but over time the temperature increases, by the time the frog wants to get out, it doesn't know why it can't or doesn't have the strength. This is what domestic abuse feels like. Unfortunately, because the victim loves this person, she may begin to believe he wouldn't criticize her if there weren't something wrong with her.

Psychological abuse happens when the abuser makes the victim feel she did something wrong or stupid, or when the abuser threatens the victim without ever saying anything—a look, even an act of carving meat with a sharp knife or hammering a nail can translate into a threat-



StoP, one of NCJW's newest initiatives, is a national program that incorporates education, community action, advocacy, and training to prevent domestic violence. StoP involves ending misconceptions about domestic violence, preventing further cases of violence, and educating communities about the extent of violence. Check the NCJW website - www.ncjw.org - for additional information.



Hotline Number

Please note the new hotline number for the Kansas City Metropolitan Area ~

816.HOTLINE

Reminder:

NCJW's Silent Witnesses are available to groups. Call the SafeHome Office to schedule at 913.432.9300, ext. 11.

ening act. In Dr. Weiss' book, Surviving Domestic Violence, she describes one survivor's experience of being in a restaurant with her spouse when suddenly he "accidentally" spills his newly poured coffee over her. Then loudly, he criticizes her for being so clumsy. A psychological abuser will also throw items at the victim, intending them to narrowly miss.

Some people will argue that yelling can be a cultural trait. This is true. However, an abuser yells, insults, belittles, threatens, judges, criticizes, etc. in order to **control** the victim. Additionally, the abuser will try to isolate the victim from family and friends. Again, this is an attempt to control and exert power.

If you would like to discuss this, please call me at 913.432.9300, ext. 22. The Jewish Heritage Foundation funds the Jewish Outreach Program along with the Greater Kansas City Section of NCJW.

NCJW News and Notes ~

Hello Israel Begins 16th Year in KC

This year marks the 16th year our Section has presented Hello Israel to the 6th grade classes of the Shawnee Mission School District. This one and one-half hour presentation coordinates with the district's curriculum of social studies, reading and science.

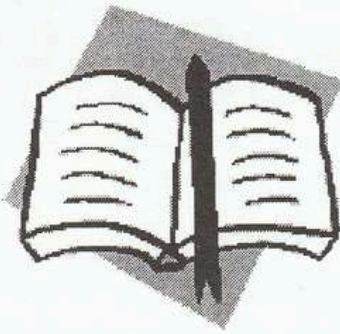
It includes a 20-minute video entitled "The Wonders of Israel," a mock archeological dig, hands on exploration of Israeli artifacts and discussion about the country's 4,000 year history.

New volunteers who have received training and orientation and will be paired with an experienced presenter are Donna Burkhead, Karen Butler, Diane Wubbenhorst and Carol Yarmo.

If you would like to learn more about this extraordinary program, receive training or observe a school presentation, please call Merna Siegler at 816.942.3670 or Lois Winston at 913.649.6264.

NCJW Investment Club

The NCJW Investment Club will not meet until further notice. If you are interested in being a member of this group please call Linda at the NCJW office, 913.648.0747, and let her know of your interest and the day you would like the group to meet. A chairman for this group is needed.



NCJW Book Clubs

Afternoon Book Club

Your participation is encouraged in our Section's book club. Please call the NCJW office at 913.648.0747 for the location of the January and February meetings.

January 25

The Persian Pickle Club
by Sandra Dallas

February 22

Their Eyes Were Watching G-d
by Zora Hurston

Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club will not meet until further notice. If you are interested in an evening club please call Linda at the NCJW office and let her know of your interest and preferred meeting date.

NCJW Movie Groups

NEW! Are you interested in a MONTHLY DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP or a COUPLES MOVIE GROUP? Let Linda at the NCJW office, 913.648.0747, know of your interest and preferred meeting date.

Profile on NCJW Scholarship Recipient

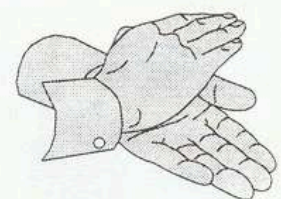
By Rosalyn Jacobson, Chairman,
Scholarship Committee

One of the recent recipients of the Jeannette & Jerome Cohen Physically Challenged Scholarship is Elisha Jensen. She is legally blind, has a speech deficit and has very limited use of her body. She can operate a computer and drives a power wheelchair. She needs assistance with most things and has a caregiver to take her to classes.

Her mom said, "She is all heart, a joy to be around, always upbeat and full of good humor. She is a brilliant writer and humorist." Her mother also said Elisha struggles every day to get her thoughts and words out and into great poems and short stories. Elisha received an honorable mention award for her poems at Rockhust College in October.

The scholarship committee is very happy to assist with the education of this most worthy scholarship student. Rosalyn Jacobson, Chairman Scholarship Committee

Thanks to Jewish Heritage Foundation!



Our Section is pleased to announce that we were recently awarded a grant from the Jewish Heritage Foundation to fund the publication of *The Bulletin* and *About and Between*.

Issues & advocacy

Recent Section Initiative Advocates For Responsible and Sensible Gun Legislation

A recent initiative of the Greater Kansas City Section is advocating for responsible and sensible gun legislation. On November 1, the first planning session was held. Members of the Kansas and Missouri Million Mom March updated those in attendance on their efforts in our area.

Million Mom March is a national grassroots chapter-based organization dedicated to preventing gun death and injury and supporting victims of gun trauma. Our Section looks forward to collaborating with Million Mom March, and our initial efforts will focus on education surrounding this important issue.

Look for information pertaining to responsible and sensible gun legislation in each issue of The Bulletin. To become involved in this critical issue, or for additional information, contact our office, or visit the NCJW Website, www.ncjw.org.



Gun Deaths in America

(provided by *Million Mom March* fact sheet)

In America in 1998:

A total of 30,708 people were killed by guns in the United States.

Of these:

- ~ 17,424 were gun suicides
- ~ 12,102 were gun homicides
- ~ 886 were unintentional or accidental shootings
- ~ 316 were shooting deaths of undetermined intent

In 1998, a total of 3,792 young people ages 0-19 were killed by gunfire in the United States. ***That's more than 10 kids a day.***

Of these:

- ~ 2,215 were murdered by gunfire
- ~ 1,241 committed suicide using a gun
- ~ 262 died from an unintentional or accidental shooting
- ~ 74 were killed by gunfire of undetermined intent
- ~ 612 young people killed by guns were under the age of 15.

The number of firearm deaths among those aged 19 years and under was 10.2 percent lower than in 1997. This number has decreased each year since 1994, a peak year, resulting in an overall decline of 35 percent between

1994 and 1998.

In 1997, firearm injuries were the second leading cause of injury death for all ages and for young people aged 15-24. Motor vehicle injuries were the leading cause of injury death for all ages and for young people 15-24 years of age in 1997.

Guns were used in approximately 7 out of every 10 murders in the United States in 1997. Handguns were used in 53% of all murders and in 78% of all murders committed with a firearm.

In a study of 36 countries, the United States had the highest gun death rate, which was: 3.3 times that of Canada, 5.3 times that of Australia, 6.0 times that of New Zealand, 26.4 times that of Scotland and 284.8 times that of Japan; 34.7 times that of England and Wales.

In a study of gun death rates for children under 15 years of age in 26 industrialized countries, the overall gun death rate in the U.S. was nearly 12 times higher than in the other 25 countries combined.

Next issue: "*The Gun Industry*"

Issues & advocacy

Million Mom March Founder at NCJW Event; Barbara Holzmark Presented Hannah G. Solomon Award

An enthusiastic crowd greeted Mary Leigh Blek on Wednesday, October 11 in the sanctuary of Congregation Beth Shalom. Ms. Blek is the President and Spokesperson of the Million Mom March Foundation which evolved from a demonstration for tougher gun laws in Washington D.C. last spring. The speaker, who lost a son due to gun violence, said, "no one—and I mean no one—is immune from gun violence." She urged attendees to support candidates who will fight for effective gun legislation.

The crowd included many of Barbara Holzmark's friends and admirers offering her congratulations for winning the Hannah G. Solomon Award. Ms. Holzmark received this award, the most prestigious National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) award given locally, for her tireless effort and commitment to NCJW's community ser-



Past Recipients of Hannah G. Solomon Award

Front row, left to right: Joyce Halper, Ruth Karol, Barbara Holzmark, Ann Stern, Roz Ginsburg, Lydia Roth. Back row, left to right: Jean Brown, Gloria Goodfriend, Merna Siegler, Dan Stern.

vice projects, fundraising and advocacy education.

Committee members for this event included Ellen Dalen, Deirdre Baker, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Paulette Giarratana;

Gloria Goodfriend; Barbara Holzmark; Naomi Kauffman, Symie Menitove; Sunny Singer, Dan and Ann Stern.

NCJW to celebrate "Women's Health Day" with Kansas Choice Alliance

January 22, 1973 saw two great decisions legalizing abortion. Roe vs Wade and Doe vs Bolton. Now, almost 30 years later, NCJW members will celebrate in Topeka on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, with the Kansas Choice Alliance for Women's Health as defined by the Doe vs Bolton case.

The Doe decision defined aspects of women's health as including physical, mental and emotional health.

Women's Health Day begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Capitol, with a press conference at 10:45 and lunch with legislators at 12:00 noon at the First Presbyterian Church across from the Capitol. Also planned is an optional one hour

legislative briefing at 1:00 p.m.

Your check for \$12.00 is your reservation by Friday, January 12.

Please mail your check, payable to KCA to: Barbara Holzmark, 8504 Reinhardt Lane, Leawood, KS. 66206. (Please include all names) For further information (carpools, etc.) call Barbara at 913.381.8222.

THRIFTIQUE

THE SHOPPER'S DREAM

Thriftique Fixtures Moves Into New Space

A big thank you goes to Ronnie and Dierdre Baker (Dierdre is an NCJW Board Member) for their generosity in donating their extra warehouse space for our "fixtures," when SWA closed its Thrift Shop doors last November!

Fortunately for Ronnie, he was able to rent that space, and fortunately for "Thriftique" (NCJW and SWA), Ronnie was patient long enough for us to find a new space! (In fact he tried to find us a location, then loaned us two men to help with the move!)

Our new location is in the Mission Shopping Center where Tuesday Morning, JoAnn Fabrics and much more shopping is located! We are actually a few doors east of Tuesday Morning on the South side of the center facing Martway.

Our Landlord is Steve Choikhit, and he was the gracious gentleman who donated the location for our first and second sale of Thriftique in 1993 and 1994. We are very fortunate to be in such a wonderful location and couldn't have done it without the generosity of two very special gentlemen! Thanks go to Ronnie Baker and Steve Choikhit! NCJW and SWA members, be on the look out for an upcoming "OPEN HOUSE" to be held at the Martway Space! It's time you see what we have accumulated and how we store it all!

Thriftique is exploring avenues of "E-Commerce!" If anyone has any expertise to help get this project off the ground, we would appreciate the assistance. If you have a great item or two that you would be willing to donate now and prior to our sale, please give us a call.

This can be an ongoing way for NCJW and SWA to accumulate start-up funds for the big event as well as give you a tax deduction any time of the year.

We are looking ahead to another big(ger) sale in October 2001. Start saving your gently worn, nearly new and new fashions. What is not becoming to you, but should be coming to us! We also want old shoes, children's clothing and furs. We have storage for furs and will accept them immediately; however we are not quite ready to take other items, but are getting close. Hang in there, and *Hang All Your Clothes!* Please do not put clothing in "sacks" as they look wrinkled before they get to the hanger. Call Caryn Hastings (816.942.8338) or Barbara Holzmark (913.381.8222) with questions, suggestions and offers of HELP!

NCJW THEATER BENEFIT PARTY

Greater Kansas City Section, NCJW sponsored a very successful benefit theatre party on November 8th at the Unicorn Theatre where the Tony Award winner "ART" was performed. Support of this fundraiser benefited NCJW's community service projects, advocacy efforts and our other programs.

Special thanks to committee members for this event: Merna Siegler, Coordinator, Jackie Mixon, Rachel Rubin, Symie Menitove, and Berenice Haberman. In addition, thanks to

Some of the committee members for the ART benefit included (left to right): Rachel Rubin, Merna Siegler and Berenice Haberman.



Starbuck's Coffee of Westport for their delicious coffee, Adrian's Café for the delectable desserts, and Ronnie and Dierdre Baker for a magnificent center-

piece, and Robert Feld for his donation of two pieces of Mariah jewelry that were given out as door prizes.

2000 – 2001 YAD B'YAD GRANT RECIPIENTS

Yad B'Yad - Hand in Hand with Israel, a program of the National Council of Jewish Women, is celebrating its third year. Yad B'Yad provides grants for literacy, child development and enrichment programs for women, children and families in need. The program is maintained through the support of NCJW members with friends across the United States. Last year, the Greater Kansas City Section contributed \$500.00 to the Yad B'Yad program. This September, the Yad B'Yad committee awarded grants totaling \$69,900 to the following organizations:

Organizations Awarded Grants	Project Funded
Gr. Miami Section Project <i>ELEM</i> – Youth in Distress	Establish libraries in 8 Counseling and Information Youth Centers with books for at-risk youth
South Shore Section Project FRIENDSHIP'S WAY – Jewish-Arab Association for the Child and Family in Jaffa	“Building a Common Language” After-school literacy program designed to address the needs of Arab children who attend secular Hebrew elementary schools
<i>TESPAZIN</i> – Yavne's Foundation for the Children of New Immigrants from Ethiopia	After-school learning centers
<i>MAHAPACH</i> – a grassroots organization run by volunteer university students who tutor socially and educationally at-risk students	“Return to Reading” Literacy and Leadership Program for Children
<i>HILLEL</i> – Association for Jews Leaving Ultra-Orthodoxy	Educational Materials in Preparation for Life in the Modern World in Israel
<i>EDEN</i> – Association for Promotion of Educational and Social Projects in the Northern Negev	Expansion of the “Growing Together” Program to establish pre-schools in the Negev
<i>ALMAYA</i> – Association for the Advancement of Ethiopian Family & Child in Israel	<i>B' Maaleh</i> – On the Ascent for Ethiopian Children At-Risk
<i>MASLAN</i> – Women's Support Center Children's Educational Welfare Project	Children's Educational Welfare Project at the abused women's shelter run by MASLAN
Arab Mutual Help Organization in Ramle	“Education is as a Ray of Light”
<i>Em Al Banim</i> – Mother and Children	Educational materials for Children's Day Camp
<i>YEDID</i> – Association for Community Empowerment	<i>AYAL</i> – (“I Can Succeed”) Dropout Prevention Program for 7 th Grade Caucasian Immigrant Youth
<i>MAADAT</i> – Technoda Science Education Center	Purchase of books and software for Children's Mini-Science Library
Yedidim for Youth and Society	Extension of the “These are our Brothers” program which promotes reading skills among Ethiopian immigrant children

National Child Care Initiative Update

Earlier this year, our National organization published *Opening a New Window on Child Care*. This update on the 1972 groundbreaking *Windows on Day Care* study received tremendous national media attention, as well as extensive local coverage in many cities throughout the country. Copies of this publication are available in our Office. Also available is the Winter 2000 *Windows on Child Care, A Newsletter for Advocates and Activists*. Please call the Office if you would like a copy. Up-to-date information is also available on NCJW's website www.ncjw.org.

As of November 2000, approximately 90 businesses and organizations have become signatories of NCJW's Child Care Statement of Principles:

To meet our child care needs, *we agree to the following*:

- 1) **All children are entitled to quality child care.** Research has shown conclusively that good child care promotes children's well being and later success in school. A widespread commitment of resources is necessary to ensure that quality care becomes a reality.
- 2) **All families are entitled to affordable child care.** Child care costs are a concern for families of all incomes. Federal, state and local government must commit significant resources to address the childcare needs of families.
- 3) **More places for children in childcare are needed.** Demand for child care has never been greater. Every child in need of child care should be accommodated.
- 4) **Child care workers must be paid a livable wage with incentives for professional development.** Studies show that quality child care depends on good, long-term relationships between children and well-trained child care providers. However, many child care workers receive poverty-level wages and have no incentive to further their training. Children will not receive quality care until workers earn a decent wage and receive high-quality training. Compensation must be linked to professional development.
- 5) **School-age children must have quality child care options.** FBI data suggest that latchkey children of all income groups are at-risk for truancy, risk-taking behavior and substance abuse. Steps must be taken to develop safe, affordable, before- and after-school programs for children.
- 6) **The business community has an important role to play in improving child care.** Studies show that child care problems affect worker recruitment, productivity and retention. Employers should take steps to help address the child care needs of their workforce.
- 7) **Government, private industry, educators, nonprofit organizations and parents must commit to a partnership to improve the child care options for all families.** The child care problems this country faces are so deeply embedded that our collective energies, brainpower and resources will be necessary to solve them.

If you know a business or organization that would benefit from or have an interest in receiving a copy of one or both of the above publications, please call the Office.

Fact:

Children of families at all income levels are on waiting lists of 12 months or more for child care.

Fact:

In every state it is cheaper to send your 4-year-old to public college than to child care.

Fact:

4 million children, ages 6 to 12, are left unsupervised after school every day.

Fact:

Unsupervised children are more likely to become law breakers or victims of violent crime.

Fact:

The average child care worker makes less than a parking lot attendant and receives little training.

Fact:

Studies show quality child care has positive effects on children's future success in school.

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In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the passing of the following member and extend our condolences to her family:

Rose Overbeck

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Upcoming Events



JANUARY

- 10 Wednesday
Executive Committee Mtg
- 18 Thursday
Roe vs. Wade Celebration in Topeka
- 23 Tuesday
Board Meeting/*Bulletin* Deadline
- 31 Wednesday
Membership Meeting ~ Alayne Mooney

FEBRUARY

- 12 Monday
Day at the Spa
- 14 Wednesday
Executive Committee Mtg.
- 14 Wednesday ~ Topeka
Day at the Kansas Capitol
- 17-18 Saturday-Sunday
Board Training w/National V.P.
- 22 Thursday
Afternoon Book Club
- 27 Tuesday
Board Meeting

MARCH

- 11-14 Sun-Wed.
Washington Institute
- 14 Wednesday
Executive Committee Mtg.
- 22 Thursday
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- 27 Tuesday
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Membership Meeting and Mystery Program

Wednesday, January 31, 2001 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Home of Alayne and J.D. Mooney, 14701 Delmar Street

RSVP by January 24, 2001 (*This is the only invitation*) by calling the NCJW office at 913.846.0747

Join NCJW members for a "Mystery Program" (you won't want to miss this one!) and a membership vote on the Bylaws.

The Board of Directors announces this membership meeting to vote on their recommendation to approve a 2-year extension of the suspended Bylaws related to the Section's leadership structure - Articles V, VI, VII and IX. (Our membership approved the suspension of these Articles at the May 1998 membership meeting.) If the membership approves this extension, the Nominating Committee will work to fill a slate of officers and board members within the scope of the current structure in use. Section leadership intends to complete their analysis of future leadership needs by June 2001. The Bylaws Committee will then review our entire set of Bylaws to ensure they are up-to-date and bring to the membership in 2002 recommendations for amendments (if needed), as well as proposed amendments related to a new leadership structure.

We don't have a "clue" why anyone would want to miss the "mystery" program following the vote on the Bylaws!

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